

Local Food Trends Memo

Environment and Natural Resources Committee
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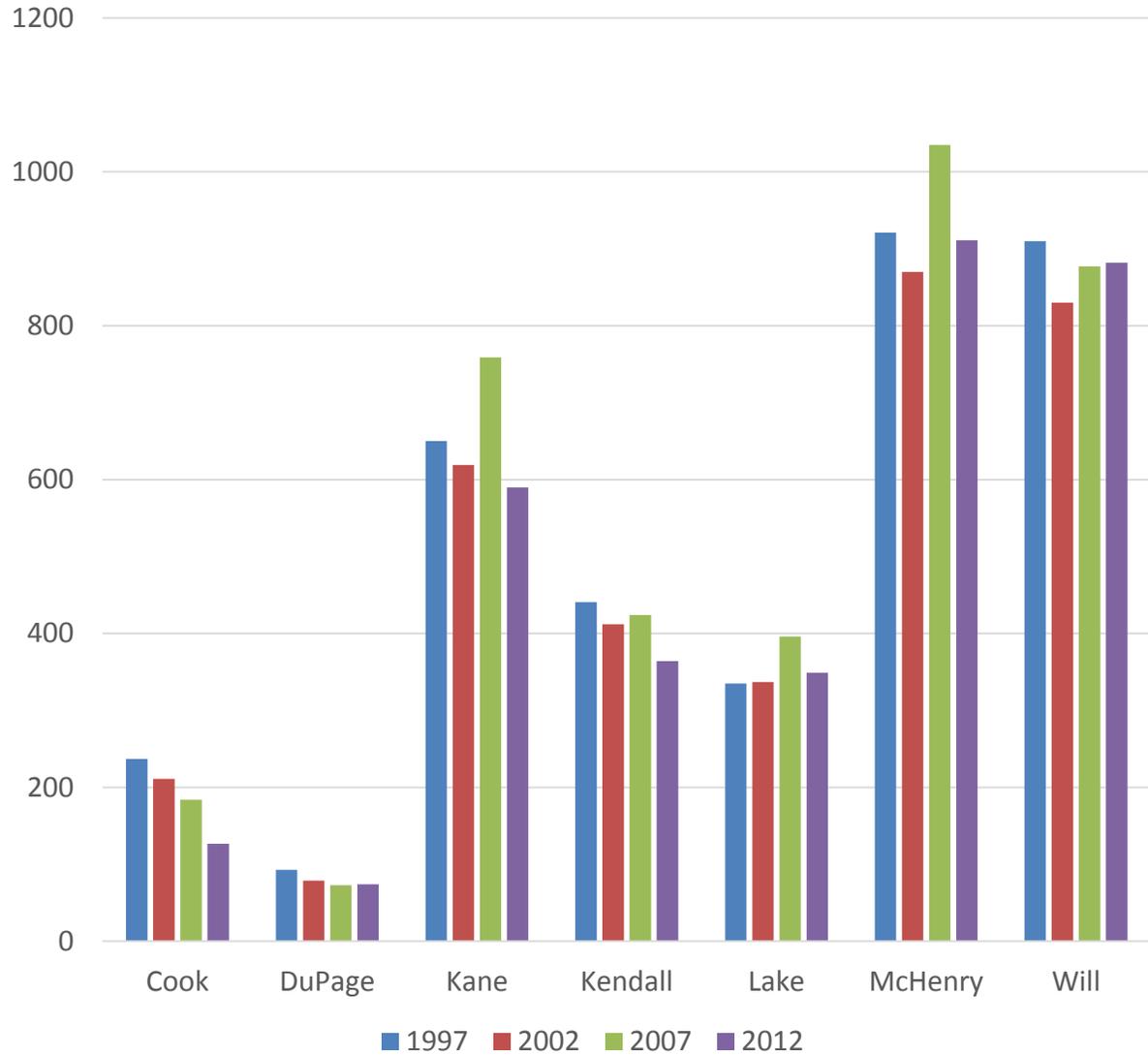
- Provide overview of existing conditions and trends
- Report on implementation progress towards GO TO 2040 goals for local food production and food access
- Establish understanding of region's farms and agricultural products

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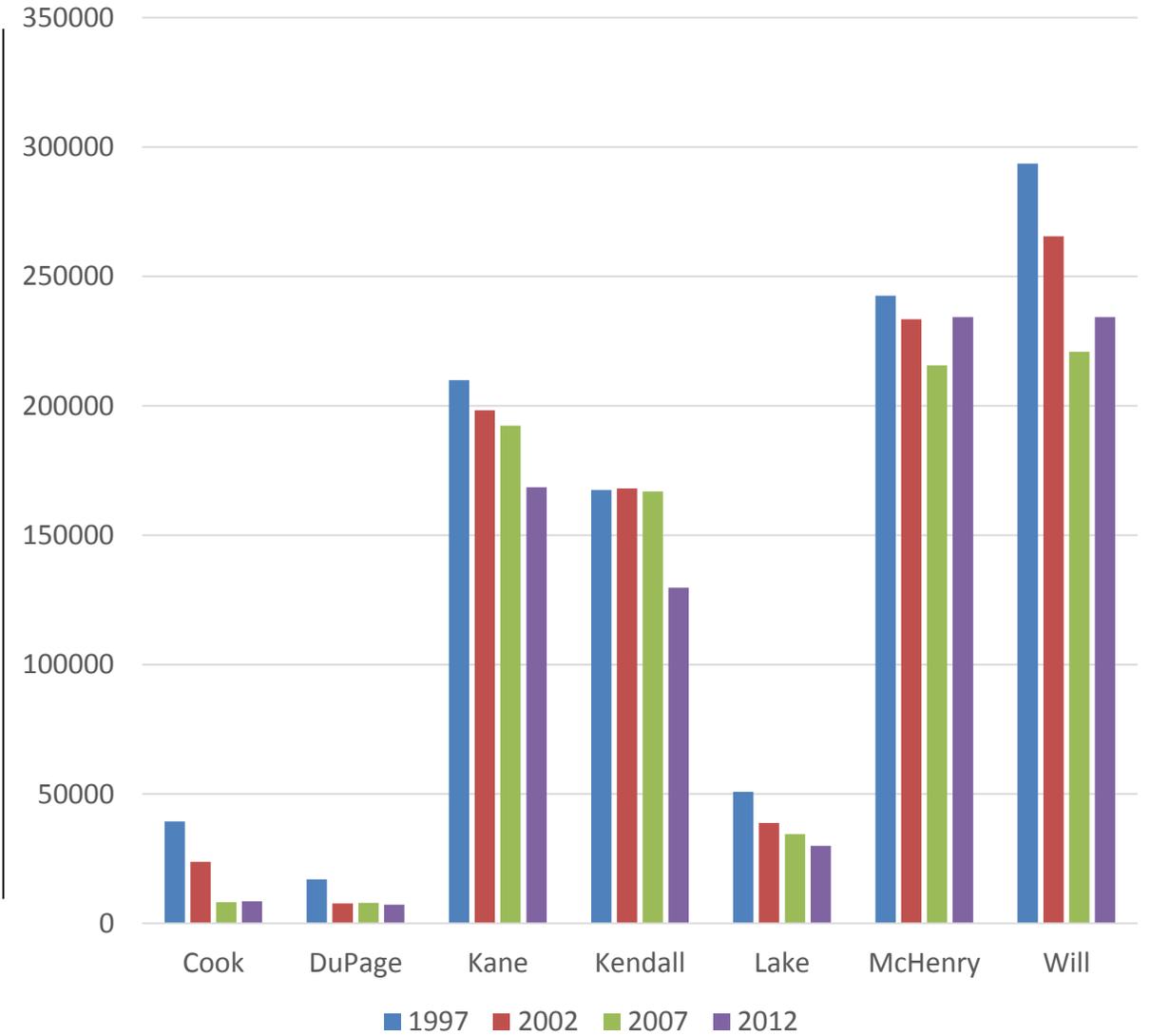
- A diversified agricultural economy and the availability of healthful food are critical components of a resilient region
- Understanding agriculture's relationship to the region's economy and food system security is important when making land use decisions.
- Developing an understanding of the geographic relationship between food access, demographics, transportation, and community vulnerability is important for local planners.

Local Food Memo – Indicators

Number of Farms

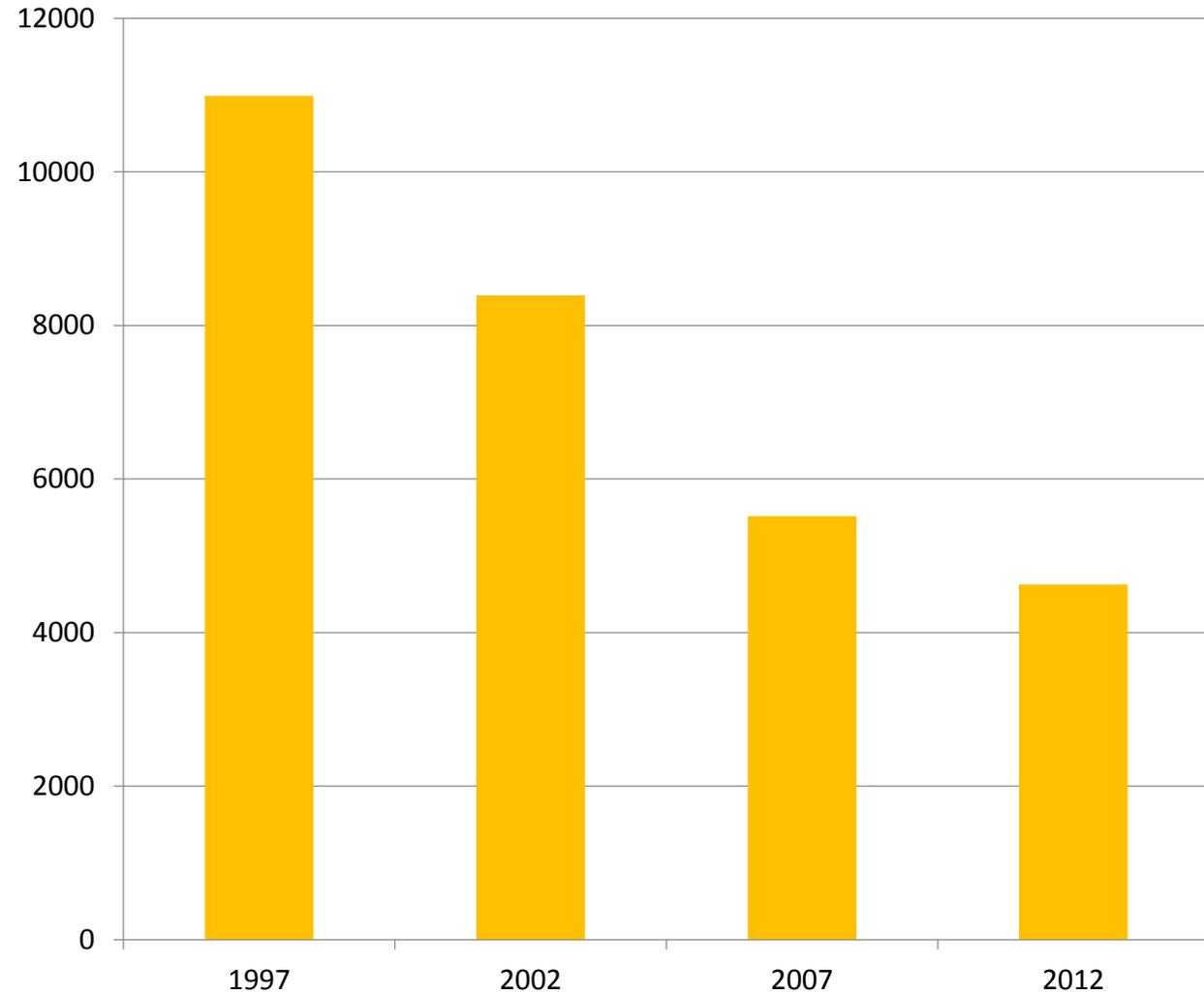


Number of Farmland Acres

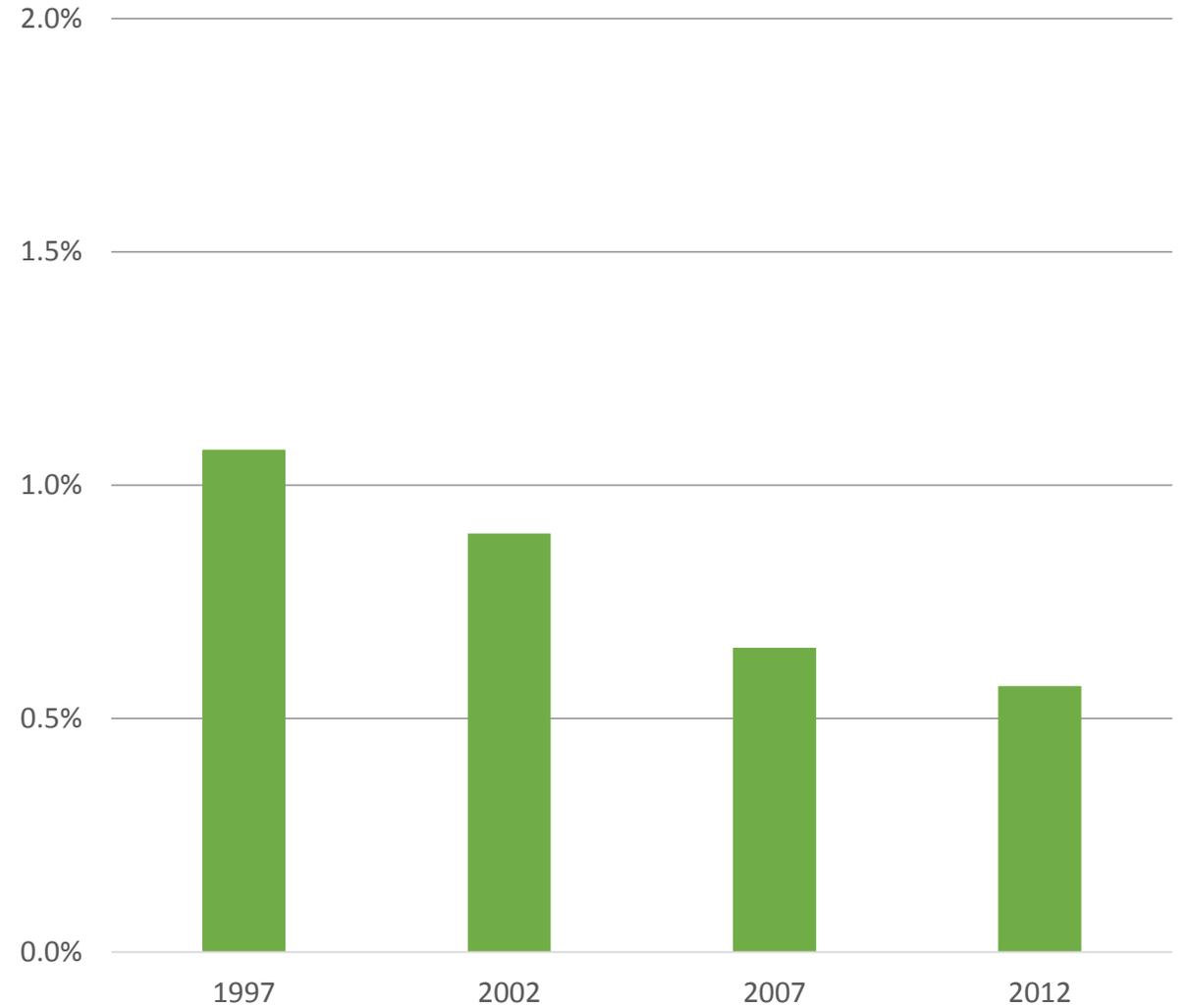


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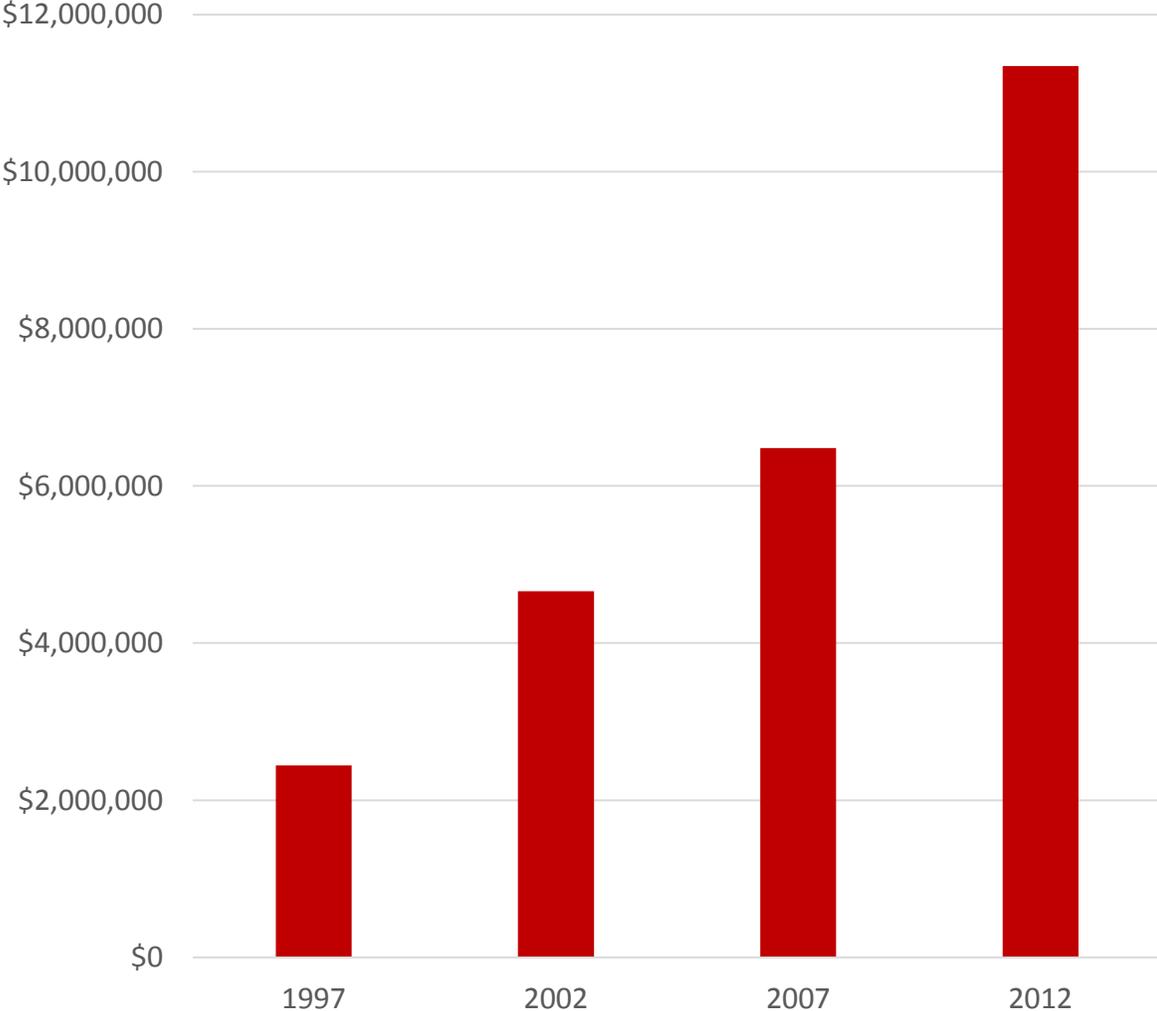


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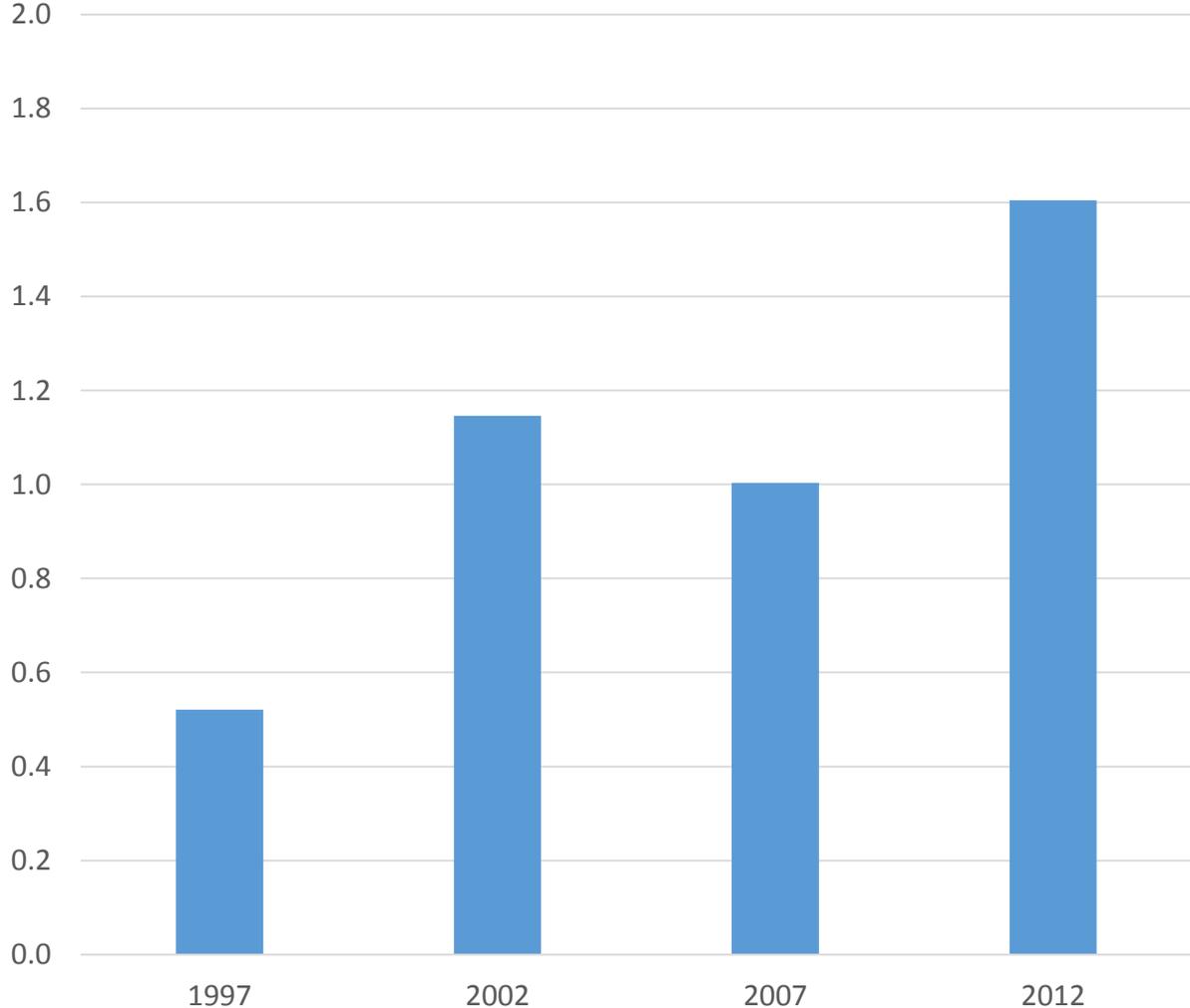


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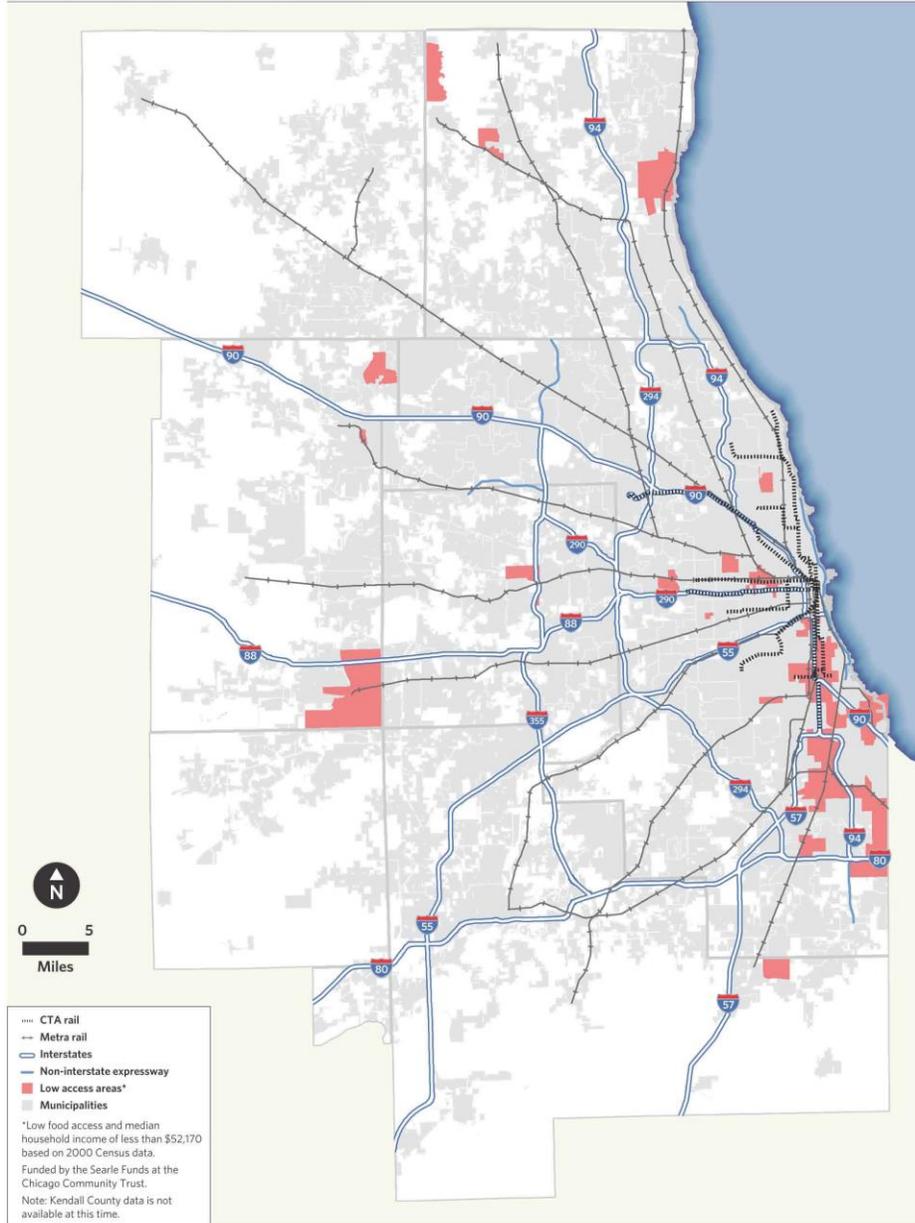


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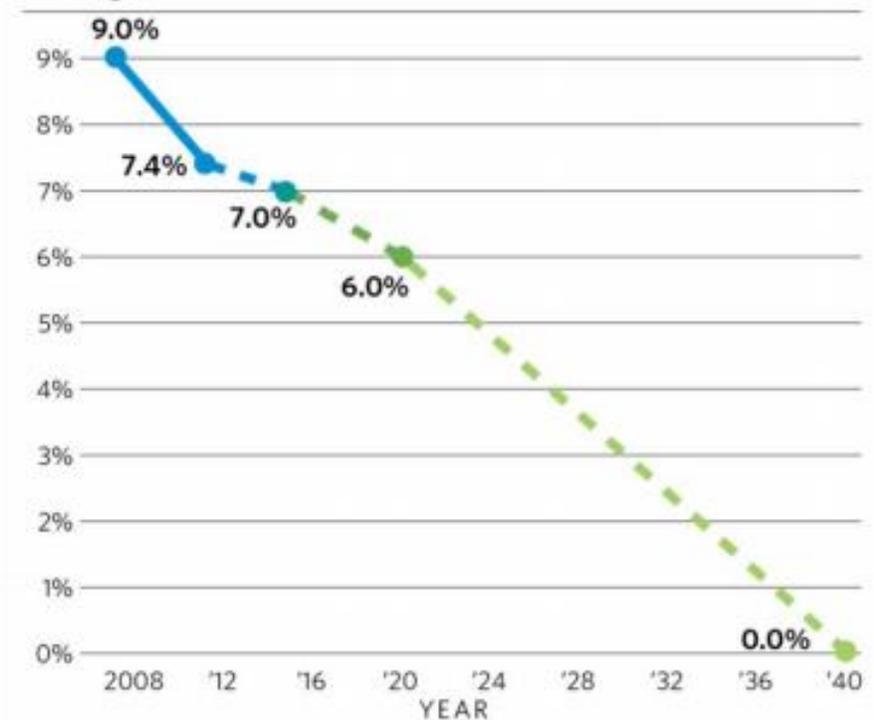
Areas with low access to large supermarkets



Food Access

- Awaiting current data

Percentage of the population living in food deserts, 2007-40, with targets



Source: Chicago State University.

Land Conversion

- 140,000 acres of agricultural and natural lands developed (2001-2015)
- 1.7% increase in the developed area of the region
- Farmland conservation activity has increased

GO TO 2040

Goals:

- Promote sustainable local food
 - Facilitate local food production
 - Increase access to healthy food
 - Raise understanding and awareness of nutrition and food policy

Indicators:

- Acreage of land in the region being used to harvest food for human consumption
- Value/percentage value of agricultural products sold directly to individuals for human consumption in the region
- Percentage of population living in food deserts

CMAP Activities

- Indicator tracking
- Local food model comprehensive plan chapter
- Urban agriculture ordinance toolkit
- Local technical assistance
 - **30** plans address food **production** | **26** plans address food **access**

Partner Activities

- Chicago Community Trust – Food:Land:Opportunity
- Openlands and Liberty Prairie Foundation – *Breaking Ground*
- Liberty Prairie Foundation – Farm Business Development Center
- Kane County – *Growing for Kane*

Local Food Memo – Moving Forward

- A strong, diversified food system remains an important goal for regional stakeholders
- Recognize important – but limited – role of local food production in regional agricultural economy
- Encourage sustainable and climate resilient food and agriculture systems
- Support state and county programs for farmland preservation and local food production
- Coordinate with research community to monitor and track food access indicators

ON TO 2050

Feedback